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gallons per minute/sq.ft. and with the rate of air flow being in the range of approximately 1-9 standard cubic feet per minute/sq.ft.:

P1 (b) discontinuing directing said combination of air and liquid in an upflow direction after a period of time for disrupting only some floc retained in said layer during a previous service run, while leaving some floc attached to said particulate media in said filter layer and with the headloss through the filter layer being at least fifteen percent greater than the headloss through said layer when said layer is free of floc; and thereafter

A' cont'd
 [(b)]^A (c) directing only liquid in an upflow direction through the filter layer [at a] with the velocity of the liquid being less than the minimum fluidization velocity of the filter layer and being in the range of approximately 5-20 gallons per minute/sq.ft. for removing disrupted floc from the filter while leaving in said layer floc attached to said particulate media of said filter layer.

Claims-2, 3 and 6, line 2, change "(b)" to --(c)--.

Cancel claims 4 and 7-11.

Claim 12, lines 2 and 3, delete ", after which the liquid is turbid".

Claim 13, line 1, change "(b)" to --(c)--;

lines 2 and 3, delete ", after which the liquid is turbid".

Cancel claims 14 and 15.